

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as shown below. A complete listing of all pending claims is presented.

1. (Original) A disk drive apparatus comprising:

a disk drive body including a front face having an insertion opening of a disk and side faces substantially parallel to a recording surface of the inserted disk; and

a decorative panel covering approximately the entire surface of the side faces and being disposed so as to be detachable from the side faces.

2. (Currently-Amended) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 1, wherein said decorative panel comprises:

a flat panel portion shaped as a rectangle by having a periphery thereof with longer-sides and shorter-sides;

shorter-side members disposed along the shorter-sides of the flat panel portion;

longer-side members disposed along the longer-sides of the flat panel portion; and

one of a first engaging piece and a first engaging groove provided at said shorter-side members for engagement with the disk drive body.

3. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel further comprises:

a plurality of said one of first engaging pieces and first engaging grooves; and

second engaging pieces for engagement with the above-mentioned disk drive body, the number of which is less than the number of said one of the first engaging pieces and the first engaging grooves, and being disposed at the longer-side members.

4. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel further comprises:

a plurality of said one of first engaging pieces and first engaging grooves;

second engaging grooves for engagement with the disk drive body, the number of which is less than the number of said one of first engaging pieces and the first engaging grooves, and being disposed at the longer-side members.

5. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein

said decorative panel is disposed at the longer-side members and has a second engaging piece for engagement with the disk drive body; and

the second engaging piece is formed so as to be smaller than the first engaging piece.

6. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein

said decorative panel is disposed at the longer-side member and has a second engaging groove for engagement with the disk drive body; and

the second engaging groove is formed so as to be smaller than the first engaging groove.

7. (Original) The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein
said disk drive body is disposed in the vicinity of said one of first engaging piece and
first engaging groove in a state in which the decorative panel is installed on the disk drive body,
and has a recess portion disposed so as to oppose to the shorter-side member.